

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF PARCEL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Posts (DOP) propose to extend its existing parcel services business by including bulk cargo;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the DOP has drafted any strategy to overcome the impact of Internet and Information Technology on its mail and parcel services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Post has launched a special service - Express Parcel Post - for meeting the requirement of Corporates involving bulk parcel consignments. Express Parcel Post Offers fast and guaranteed delivery of parcels upto 35 Kg. linking speed Post centres in India through surface transportation.

(c)&(d): The Department has already set up a VSAT network on the RABMN at 75 centres since 1996-97. Internet is also proposed to be used as back up network to the VSAT system for providing secure e-services in addition to money transfers, like track and trace, electronic bill presentment and payment, certification of electronic documents, Data Post, EFT and e-commerce logistics of delivery and payment collection.